

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re DIVISIONAL Application of:)	<u>Group Art Unit: 1753</u>
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For: Photovoltaic Apparatus And Mass-Producing Apparatus For Mass-Producing Spherical Semiconductor Particles

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE EXAMINATION
(Accompanies Rule 53(b) Divisional Application)

Honorable Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application in accordance with the following particulars:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-50, without prejudice or disclaimer, and substitute therefor new claims 51-81, as presented in Appendix A, attached hereto.

REMARKS

New claims 51-81 correspond to non-elected claims 14-41 and 44-46, except that all of the claims have been re-written in method format to present a single invention.

Respectfully submitted,
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